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King of all Kings

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KING OF ALL KINGS
Lesson for November 28, 1982
Bible Study Lesson: Judges 8:22-23, 9:6-15, 55-57

INTRODUCTION

When it comes to politics and economics, many people feel very helpless and powerless to affect change. In fact, many people firmly believe that most politicians are "wolves in sheep's clothing" who are out to protect their own interests.

Some actions of past political figures have confirmed our suspicions and discouraged our participation in the political arena. Watergate is a term that will remain imprinted upon our memories as a black mark upon our nation's history. We will never forget how a few ignored the public trust and operated in secret and clandestine ways to play "dirty" politics.

The "dirty laundry" of the past was hung out on the line to be aired before the entire world. Hopefully, we can bury the past and concentrate upon the present and future. Let us learn from our past, yes, but let's take care to give our best to the present tasks at hand.

We have a responsibility to our government and our governing leaders have a responsibility to us. This week's lesson helps us see how leadership style can affect the destiny of a nation and its people.

Royalty Refused (Judges 8:22-23, 29-31)

When the people approached Gideon to consider becoming king, he refused to "throw his hat" into the political ring. Gideon's refusal to establish a house of royalty marks him as a man of insight, for his response was: "I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you."

Gideon was keenly aware that Israel's military victories had come through divine guidance, and he was not about to usurp God's rightful position as King over Israel.

When Gideon refused to become king over Israel, a son by Gideon's Canaanite wife offered to accept the mantle of royalty.

A Willing Candidate (Judges 9:1-6)

There is always someone who wants what we have and believe they need it more than we do. Some are even willing to steal or kill for what they want. Abimelech began to want what his father had refused. He was willing to manipulate whomever he needed in order to receive the crown of royalty.

When Abimelech realized he could not persuade the people to crown him as king, he hired assassins to kill all seventy-one of Gideon's children. This, he thought, would insure his claim to royalty. Abimelech was correct. The "men of Shechem" gathered to make him king. We should remember that only seventy sons were killed in the mass slaughter. The youngest whose name was Gotham, somehow managed to escape.

A Prophetic Parable (Judges 9:7-21)

A picture-parable can be a powerful communication tool. Gotham told a parable to describe the terrible deeds of Abimelech. In this parable of trees Abimelech is pictured as a bramble or thorn.

Through a series of battles, Abimelech received a massive head injury when a woman dropped a millstone from a tower. Abimelech realized he could not survive the injury, so he instructed his armor-bearer to end his life. Thus, Abimelech died with a tragic ending, very much like the tragedy he had earlier inflicted upon the seventy sons of Gideon.

We learn from Abimelech how power can become distored and misused to the detriment of many.

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Aluminum Mountain

PAUL HARRIS, CHARLIE GRAFF, AND MARY ANN ALVIS were on hand at Smith's house last week to help load more than a ton of aluminum collected for the Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church's building fund. The mountain of luminum was collected over a period of 18 months by members and friends of the church. A Reynolds Aluminum recycling truck came to pick up the metal, which will net the church 23 cents a pound. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Death Notices

Charlie Marion DeWitt

Mrs. Gladys Moon of Appomattox has been notified of the death Tuesday, Nov. 16, of her brother, Charlie Marion DeWitt, in Maywood, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Trangelo DeWitt.

He is also survived by two other sisters, Mrs. Mary Grace DeWitt Cunningham of Lynchburg and Mrs. Nell DeWitt Floyd of Monroe; two half sisters, Mrs. Jewel Hudson Hogan of Raleigh, N.C., and Mrs. Ann Hudson Edwards of Chesapeake, and two brothers, J. Malvin DeWitt and George DeWitt, both of Lynchburg.

Frank Lacy Hunter

Frank Lacy Hunter, 71, of Route 1, Appomattox, died Thursday afternoon, Nov. 18, in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

He was born in Charlotte County, a son of the late Walter David and Mabel Pugh Hunter. He was a retired farmer and a member of Concord Presbyterian Church in Charlotte County, where he served as deacon.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hamilton, Wise; four brothers, John T. Hunter, Walter D. Hunter Jr. and William A. Hunter, all of Appomattox, and Robert A. Hunter, Marion.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday from Concord Presbyterian Church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Walter Davis Hunter Jr.

Walter Davis Hunter Jr., 66, of Appomattox died at 1:35 a.m. Sunday in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

He was the husband of Edna Moore Hunter. Born in Charlotte County, he was a son of the late Walter Davis Hunter and Mabel Pugh Hunter. He was a member and elder of Concord Presbyterian Church, a World War II veteran and a retired farmer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Linda H. Butt, Wytheville; three brothers, John T. Hunter and William A. Hunter, both of Appomattox, and Robert A. Hunter, Marion; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hamilton, Wise; and five grandchildren, Diane Hunter Butt, Thomas Rupert Butt, Charles Walter Butt, Susan Elizabeth Wade Butt and Jennifer Lynn Hunter, all of Wytheville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Concord Presbyterian Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mary B. Randolph

Mary B. Randolph died Nov. 7, 1982 at Lynchburg General Hospital

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German services planned

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynchburg is sponsoring a German Advent Service on December 5th at 6 p.m. This service will be conducted in German by the Rev. Dr. Wilhelm F. Bofinger of Washington, D.D., the official representative of the Lutheran Chruch of Germany.

This service is planned particularly for the many German speaking people and those of German descent in this area. However, anyone else who is interested is welcome to come. Similar services have been held for several years and have attracted people of different denominations and background.

A social hour will be held after the service in the church fellowship hall, providing an opportunity to meet old friends and new people.

Call the church office on Langhorne Rd. (Tel. 804-384-8441) or Jurgen Pest (Tel 804-384-8244) for further information.

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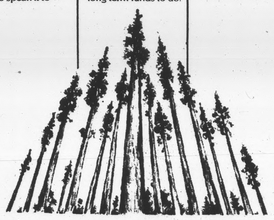

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Deaths

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after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 18, 1899 in Prince Edward County, the daughter of James Monroe and Lucy Brown.

She was married to the late Robert Durphy. To this union were born four children: Idolphus (deceased), Hywood Durphus of Pamplin, the Rev. Oscar Durphy of Middletown, Del.; and Mrs. Adell Haskins of Cinnaminson, N.J.

In November of 1942 she married the late Robert Randolph.

As a member of Zion Baptist Church in Pamplin, she was a member of the Ladies Aide Society.

She is survived by her children, Haywood, Oscar and Adell; two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Carrie Jones of Prospect, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Lawrence Roy Ligon

Pamplin - Lawrence Roy Ligon, 65, Arlington, died early Friday morning, Nov. 19.

Born in Pamplin, he was a son of Mrs. Logan Gilliam Ligon, Harrisonburg, and the late Thomas J. Ligon. He was a member of Elon Baptist Church and was a graduate of VPI with a B.S. degree in architectural engineering. He was a retired Army colonel, with 30 years service, and was a veteran of World War II.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by three brothers, T. Cecil Ligon, Pamplin, William Hollis Ligon, Denver, Colo., and John Jeter Ligon, Richmond.

Graveside funeral services were held Monday at 11 a. m. at Pamplin Community Cemetery by the Rev. Danny Owen.

Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

Film showing scheduled

Lynchburg College's Senior Symposium will continue its series on the subject of "War and Peace" with a public showing of the film "The Last Epidemic", followed by a panel discussion Tues., Nov. 30 at noon in the Memorial Ballroom, Hall Campus Center.

Panel members will be Dr. James A. Huston, dean of the College; Dr. Jan Linn, College chaplain; Dr. Wesley Shoemaker, associate professor of history; and Dr. Julius Sigler, professor of physics.

Those attending are invited to join the panel members for lunch in the College cafeteria following the program.

Lion's Laugh

APPOMATTOX LIONS CLUB MEMBER Lloyd Vaughan gets a big laugh from an anecdote by Mr. Barrye Wall, publisher of the Farmville Herald, who appeared as guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting last Thursday night. Mr. Wall, who kept the Lions in stitches during his talk, was accompanied by his grandson, Bid Wall, news editor of the Herald. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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CVCA plans hearing

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from all individuals concerned with the interests and needs of older adults.

Discussion will include such services as Nutrition, Transportation, In-Home Services, Homemakers, Winterization, Housing Repair and Senior Employment.

The new direction of Central Virginia Commission on Aging is to provide services to those who are most at risk of institutionalization, who are 60 years of age or older, through coordination with other agencies, and through direct services when services are not available by othe agencies. The Agency strives to provide services needed to allow persons to remain in their home as determined by the Long-Term Care legislation.

Central Virginia Commission on Aging serves the senior population in Planning District II which includes the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell and the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg.

FFCA offices to close

The Farmville Farm Credit Associations will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Lynchburg Branch, which serves Amherst, Appomattox and Campbell Counties, is located at 3407 Campbell Avenue with office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Golden Trumpeters to perform

The Golden Trumpeters will be in concert at Canaan Baptist Church the fourth Sunday, November 28, 1982 at 7 p.m. for the benefit of the Young Adult Choir.

Jackie Evans will be the sponsor of this event.

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